

B.S. degree in business administration in 1949. In 1951, he received an LL.B. from New York Law School where he also took graduate courses in immigrant law and federal practice and procedure.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Tsoucalas also has a distinguished military career. In 1944, Judge Tsoucalas entered the Navy where he served our country until 1946 as a radio operator on board APD and transport vessels in the European Theater of War as well as the Caribbean and North Atlantic. When the Korean conflict erupted 1951, he reentered the Navy and served on aircraft carrier, U.S.S. *Wasp*, until December 1952.

Mr. Speaker, following his service in the military, Judge Tsoucalas was admitted to the New York bar in April 1953. He specialized in immigration and admiralty law. Judge Tsoucalas has had a varied and distinguished legal career. Some of these positions include assistant U.S. attorney for Southern District of New York from 1955–59, appointed supervisor of the 1960 census for the 17th and 18th congressional districts in 1959, and finally, his appointment as Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade by President Ronald Reagan on September 9, 1985.

In addition to his prestigious political and legal work, Judge Tsoucalas has been very active in his church and community. He is the former president of the board of directors of the Greek Orthodox Church of Evangelismos, and a member of the St. John's Theologos Society. Further, he was a member of the executive committee of the Republican Party of New York County. Judge Tsoucalas is married to Catherine Tsoucalas and has two lovely daughters, Stephanie (Mrs. Daniel Turriago) and Georgia (Mrs. Christopher Argyrople).

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in commending Judge Nicholas Tsoucalas, for his outstanding legal career and his commitment and dedication to his community, church and family.

TRIBUTE TO DIALECTIC AND PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. W.G. (BILL) HEFNER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. HEFNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note the 200th anniversary of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies of the University of North Carolina. These organizations, founded by the university's earliest students, were established to promote useful knowledge and the cultivation of lasting friendships. From their ranks have come such great Americans as President James K. Polk, Senator Samuel J. Ervin, Jr., novelist Thomas Wolfe and the distinguished former Representative from North Carolina, David Price.

It has been said that the history of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies is the history of the university. They are the oldest student organizations of the Nation's oldest public university. The societies claim the creation of the UNC's newspaper, yearbook and magazine, and giving the university its famous colors, blue and white.

The vision of these organizations can be seen most clearly in their first transaction; the

purchase of books. These individual collections eventually resulted in the endowment of the university's library. The societies also began collecting portraits of their distinguished alumni and those representing their ideals. That collection is now the largest privately owned portrait collection in North Carolina.

It is entirely appropriate, Mr. Speaker, to pay tribute to these two societies whose innumerable contributions to the development of the University of North Carolina, cultivation of state and national leaders and steadfast commitment to noble objectives have guaranteed their honored place in North Carolina history.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Peace Lutheran Church in Steeleville, IL. On August 9, 1996, the church will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

I would like to congratulate the Peace Lutheran Church and its pastor, Rev. Dr. James R. Little, on this momentous occasion. The community of Steeleville has greatly benefited from their inspirational efforts.

The church has been diligent in its commitment to the work of the Lord, and the good news gospel. Peace Lutheran Church works for the good of the community by servicing its congregation as a member of the southern conference affiliated with the central Illinois senate of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

I ask my colleagues to join me as I acknowledge Peace Lutheran Church on their 100th anniversary and for their selfless dedication to their community.

SALUTE TO RON MEEK

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a selfless public servant who—in addition to a long list of other accomplishments and commitments—has served for the past year as president of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Ron Meek moved to Simi Valley 15 years ago and in that relatively brief period has established a record of community service to which lifelong residents should aspire.

The father of two young sons, Ron has always placed a major emphasis on children and has been a strong local advocate of the Boy Scouts of America, the Simi Valley Boys and Girls Club and has also served as a little league coach. His wife Jan is president of the Simi Valley Unified School District PTA and, together, they cook meals for the homeless each month.

As managing general partner of the Oakridge Athletic Club, Ron is also a local businessman who has successfully merged his professional life and his desire to make his city a better place to live.

He has donated health club equipment to the local schools, has supported the Simi Valley Education Foundation and, in his own right, has been a loyal chamber member.

As chamber president, Ron has compiled a long list of accomplishments that will endure far beyond his 1-year term.

He formulated a business retention and development division to ensure that the chamber was doing all it could to attract new businesses to Simi Valley and to retain existing ones. He introduced several new initiatives aimed at encouraging individual members to be more creative and to allow the chamber to capitalize on that creativity. He initiated a program to honor long-term members and—through his leadership—made the chamber more likely to attract new members.

Mr. Speaker, Ron Meek has established himself as someone who does more than pay lip service to his desire to help his friends and neighbors. In both his personal and professional life, Ron has proven that he is willing to do the hard, often thankless, work necessary to get results and to improve the quality of life for those around him.

I would like to thank him for his efforts on behalf of his community, congratulate him on a successful term as chamber president and wish him all the best in the future.

SSI REFORM

HON. WAYNE ALLARD

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, early this year, I introduced H.R. 791, legislation to eliminate supplemental security income [SSI] disability payments for drug addicts and alcoholics. This legislation currently has 48 cosponsors. I am pleased to note that this proposal has been incorporated into the Personal Responsibility Act—the Republican welfare reform plan.

Over the years many of my constituents have complained about the fact that drug addiction and alcoholism are considered disabilities under Federal law. This classification entitles these individuals to hundreds of dollars of disability payments each month. Until last year, they were even entitled to large lump sum payments. In essence, hard working taxpayers are required to subsidize addicts. We all have compassion for people with a substance abuse problem, but giving cash benefits to addicts is not the way to deal with the problem. This approach does far more harm than good, often providing the very resources for addicts to continue their abuse and avoid treatment.

A General Accounting Office study found that between 1988 and 1994 the number of drug addicts and alcoholics receiving SSI disability payments rose almost 700 percent from 12,694 to 100,771. GAO expects a continued increase to over 200,000 by 1997 if nothing is done. This would be grossly unfair for the hard working Americans who pay the bills.

Under the Personal Responsibility Act, drug addicts and alcoholics lose SSI payments and Medicaid. The total savings to taxpayers is \$1.7 billion over 5 years—\$400 million of this is used to fund additional drug treatment and